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**Patent**
**Amendment and Reply  
Transmittal in Response to Office Action**

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| Inventor(s):  | Dale Carpenter,<br>Jason S. Henley                    | Docket No.:       | LL2003-07     |
| Serial No.:   | 10/758,713  | Group Art Unit:   | 3714          |
| Filing Date:  | 01/16/2004  | Examiner:         | John A. Ricci |
| Customer No.: | 37951   | Confirmation No.: | 6547          |
| Title:        | QUICK RELEASE FIXED POSITION PAINTBALL HOPPER COUPLER |                   |               |

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Honorable Commissioner:

Please enter this response to an Office Action and fees associated to new claims added in the amendment.

**Small Entity Status**

X Applicants claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

### **Fee Calculation**

The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

|                                     | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra | Small Entity |                   | Large Entity |                   |
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|                                     |   |   |                  | Rate         | Additional<br>Fee | Rate         | Additional<br>Fee |
| Total                               | 45  | 44  | 1                | 25           | \$25.00           | 50           |                   |
| Independent                         | 3   | 4   | 0                | 100          |                   | 200          |                   |
| Multiple Dep                        | 0   | 0   | 0                | 180          |                   | 360          |                   |
| Sheets over<br>100                  | 0   | 0   | 0                | 125          |                   | 250          |                   |
| <b>Total<br/>Additional<br/>Fee</b> |   |   |                  |              | \$25.00           |              |                   |

☐ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ Total additional fee for claims is required \$ 25.00

**Total Fees Enclosed      \$ 25.00**

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### **Enclosed Documents**

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☒ Amendment and Rely to Office Action (page 1 through 10).

Please apply the enclosed additional fee to the above identified application to preclude abandonment. If there are any questions or issues, please contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2005, of which this reply is filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in this listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.